Sustained Assessment Process: Update on Ongoing Activities and Plans

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Current incorporation of sustained assessment

- NCA-3 model is user friendly and user oriented—and is the basis for USGCRP sustained assessment efforts
- NCA-4 has/will have a foundation of selected special reports—each developed with outreach and engagement
- Indicators pilot website was established and is being improved
- Scenarios are being developed for NCA-4 as well as for longer-term consideration
- NCAnet continues as an interface with the larger community

Sources of formalized external advice

- National Academies Committee to Advise USGCRP
- President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST);
- (previous) National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee (NCADAC)
- Advisory Committee for the Sustained National Climate Assessment (this Committee)

Key Recommendations from NCADAC

- Mechanisms to support enduring collaborative partnerships
- Scientific foundations for managing the risks and opportunities of climate change
- Infrastructure to support a sustained assessment
- Diversify the resource base and set priorities

Vision for the Future

- Information resource
- Coupling understanding, projections and user feedbacks
- Sectoral questions and needs drive those analyses/assessments

Thank you!

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